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Chairman Owens Announces \$35,000 Grant to Thunderbird Farms Domestic Water Improvement District for Pre-Design Water Treatment Project

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens today announced a grant award of \$35,000 to Thunderbird Farms Domestic Water Improvement District for the pre-design phase of a drinking water treatment project.

The technical assistance grant funds will aid in the development of a preliminary engineering report which will help identify the most cost effective contaminant strategies for safeguarding the community's water supply.

"Meeting new regulatory requirements is challenging for water providers like the Thunderbird Farms District," said Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "WIFA works hard to assist water systems statewide plan for projects like this."

The District's water challenges include the natural occurrence of arsenic, nitrate and fluoride in the area's water source. The District is located in Maricopa, Arizona and serves 566 people.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.